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BE JUST AND HOSPITABLE.

Washington is the National Capital.

It is held in trust by Congress for the

entire country and belongs to the whole

country. It is a gathering place for the

nation at large. It is the last place in

the world where extortion of any sort

should be practiced.

General sentiment here is against all

extortion. Too much good sense exists

in the business community for any

other view. There are always, how-

ever, isolated examples of rapacity ex-

hibited, and concerning these comment

is justified. A few extortions can do

more to injure the city of Washington

than may be generally understood.

Washington is becoming more and

more a place for conventions and na-

tional gatherings of various sorts. These

assemblages are a benefit to the city.

They may be encouraged or discour-

aged. The adoption of the former

course is the one for which Washing-

ton has become notable. Every accom-

modation is ordinarily given visitors at

reasonable prices. Even when such a

great event as a Presidential Inaugura-

tion comes, and when the resources of

the city are taxed beyond all expected

capacity, the comfort of the incoming

thousands is not neglected, and they are

usually surprised at the accommodation

they get so much exceeding anything

that could be anticipated under the cir-

cumstances. At the present time, for

instance, the committee having the mat-

ter in charge has secured rooms at

reasonable rates for scores of thousands

of people. In other directions, similar

hospitable efforts have been made with

good results. It is only the few who

exhibit a disposition to improve an op-

portunity for illicit money-making.

There should be no extortion in

Washington for the week to come. It

will not be a wise thing even for the

plunderers should visitors be taxed ex-

cessively. It is not a profit to get ten

dollars from a visitor for five dollars

service and lose the fifteen or twenty

dollars which he would pay in subse-

quent visits to the Capital were he sat-

isfied with his treatment here. Officials,

the regular city authorities and all com-

mittees should exert themselves to

check all unfair dealing.

SECRETARY WHITNEY.

The Baltimore Sun, in its review of

the administration of the various Cab-

inet offices, has reached the Secretary

of the Navy. It is scarcely to be ex-

pected that the Sun will look at both

sides of the shield in making up its

opinion in matters political, and only

a more or less laudatory expression is

to be looked for in these articles. Still,

they are well written, cover a pretty

wide range and may properly be ac-

cepted as a presentation of the argu-

ment in favor of Secretary Whitney is very

well put.

It is claimed, in substance, that the

result of Secretary Whitney's good

sense and sagacity has been to provide

the United States with a plant making

it practically independent of foreign

countries in the manufacture of war

ships and guns. There is a degree of

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